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1 Remarks

By these amendments, claims 1 through 5 and 15 have been deleted. Claims 6, 16 and 21 have been converted into independent claims. They are the only independent claims. Claims 6, 16 and 21 have been amended to
5 incorporate all of the limitations of the preceeding claims from which it had depended as well as claim 2.

Section 112 rejections

The examiner rejected claims 2 and 6 through 14 as being indefinite.
10 Claim 2 has been deleted.

Claim 6, from which claims 7 through 14 depend has been amended to recite first and second flanges. No new matter is added by this amendment as this matter was taken from dependent claim 8.

Claim 7 was amended to call for a second surface rather than a
15 second flange. The second surface is described in amended claim 6 from which claim 7 depends.

Section 102 rejections

The examiner rejected claims 1 through 5. Applicants have deleted
20 claims 1 through 5.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants would like to thank the examiner for indicating that claims 6 through 21 would be allowable if rewritten.
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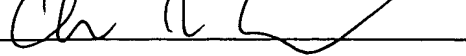
Conclusion

Applicants believe the application is now in condition for allowance and request allowance at an early date.

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